



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

VOLUME 51 NUMBER 11 NOVEMBER 2021



We are blessed with ownership of our Early Birds

In 1621 Thanksgiving was a three day celebration of geese, chucks and deer primarily. Pumpkin pie was not part of the 1621 celebration, but it is today. The first Thanksgiving took place between 53 colonists and 90 Wampanoag Indians. Today 80% of Americans will celebrate the holiday with 12 relatives on average.

Just the day before “Black Friday” up to 17% of people have skipped Thanksgiving dinner to wait in line for Black Friday deals.

Congress makes Thanksgiving a Federal Holiday official in 1941 reserving the fourth Thursday in November for it’s celebration.

In 1980, the average turkey weight was less the 10 pounds. Today, they tip the scales at 31 pounds on average.

**Millennials are three times more likely than older generations to eat a vegetari-
an meal for Thanksgiving and 44% of them will serve ham instead of turkey.**

**Giving thanks for TV upwards of 100 million Americans will watch an average
of 15 hours of TV over the holiday**



**Danny Kim
ACTC President**

Towanda's Travels

By Russ Hanson

Dear ACTC Member,

Our November officer elections is coming up and members have answered the call to step up and contribute to the ongoing success and future of the club.

Here are the candidates we have so far:

President – Chris Ames

Vice President – Jacki McKee

Member at Large—Bob Michele

Secretary – Yvonne Wagner

Treasurer – Rosemarie Busby

If you are interested in running for any board position, please let me know and I can get you added to the ballot in time for our November 2021 election.

Thank you to all the candidates for your participation and interest in serving on the board. It is these volunteer positions that are vitally important to keep the governance and health of our club in good shape.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our November 14th meeting where you will have a chance to meet the candidates and ask questions during the meeting. The cut off for nominations will be November 13th (a day before the meeting). If there are positions that run unopposed then then where will be no need to cast ballots as they will win the board seat by acclamation.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th at the Embassy Suites located at 4415 E Paradise Village Parkway in Phoenix. Bob Michele and the Christmas Party Committee is hard at work on making it a lovely evening with good company, food, and dancing. At \$30 per person, it is a great price for an evening out. If you have not yet registered, please contact Bob Michele as soon as possible. See you there!

Sincerely, Danny Kim

Margie and Russ Hanson recently returned from a Western US road trip in which they traveled over 5000 miles in their '57 Thunderbird – "Towanda." While Russ drove their motorhome, Margie followed in the car. Once they got settled into each camping location, they then used Towanda for local touring and adventures.

We started out heading to the west coast and spent the first night at the General Patton museum at Chiriaco Summit off of I-10. We've driven by this place 100 times, but finally checked it out. Very interesting.

The goal of the trip was to drive short distances with the motor-home and then spend a few days to really see the area. The first major stop was the Santa Barbara/Solvang area in southern CA. One exciting find there was the Mendenhall Museum of Gas Pumps and Petroliana. This a great stop for all you classic car enthusiasts – the most extensive collection of old gas pumps and signs I've ever seen. The owner was most gracious to let Towanda tour the grounds and have her picture taken.

Many of our stops were at Harvest Host locations. These are wineries, breweries, distilleries, farms and museums that allow free overnight RV parking and only ask that you visit their facility and buy some product (how could you not when you're at a winery or distillery)! Here is Towanda at the 43 Ranch Olive Oil site along Hwy 101.

We then headed to the coast to wind our way along Hwy 1 and 101. y Bird in places like Monterey, Pebble Beach, the 17-mile drive and Big Sur.

continued on page ten

2021 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Well , Bob Michele has done it again and found us a meeting location.

Club meetings will be at American Legend Hall a 20001 Cave Creek Rd, just south of 101. Breakfast \$14.00 each

Sunday, November 14th 8:30

ANSWER EVITE INVITATIONS
Or Contact Bob Michele
602-768-5710

Christmas Party's coming

Embassy Suites, 4415 E. Paradise Village Pkwy, South, Phoenix. Friday, 12/10/21 from 5:00 pm—10:00 pm approx. cost \$30 per person. We have blocked 10 rooms at discounted price \$111.44 Phone #602-765-5800 use code ACTC or CESACT.



Fill out Christmas Party Flyer and send in with check.



November Birthdays

Jack	Cooley	11/1/00
John	Upperman	11/1/00
Jeannie	Wood	11/13/00
Myrna	Foster	11/14/00
Wilma	Hamm	11/20/00
Shirley	Howell	11/20/00
Bonita	Lilly	11/23/00
Judy	Thompson	11/24/00
Rodger	Bartholomew	11/25/00



Anniversaries

Janet & Larry Queen	11/30
Steve & Debi Ulsund	11/11
John & Lisa Upperman	11/12
Warren & Kathleen Boles	11/22
Mike & Jeannie Wood	11/25

PLEASE NOTE !
All dates and events listed above are tentative and subject to change. Please check the calendar



CLASSIC CLASSIFIEDS

55-56-57 Thunderbird parts, call Ken Falkenberry for your needs, New or used parts SAVE \$ 480-861-3742 or email your needs kenfalk39@cox.net

**1955 T-Bird Retro-Mod
White/tan interior (extra roomy) both tops, Loaded with options.
Mike Wood 602-568-8140 or
mwoodcars@yahoo.com \$82,000.00**



**1951 Chopped top Ford 2 door, 5.0 Mustang motor with AODE overdrive trans new ECM motor runs great, 4 wheel disc brakes, Appleton spot lights, large bubble skirts, Mustang seat, split in back 20 gal gas tank with new sender. Custom dash with Dakota gauges, electric wipers
It's in process so big savings can be had. \$29,000 Mike Wood 602-568-8140**

For sale 1957 T-Bird, less than 4000 miles on new engine. Also over the last three years we have installed Electronic ignition, back electric fuel pump, Edelbrock four barrel carb, gas tank, tie rods, wires, hoses, battery, radiator, six blade fan, padded dash and after market sound system. Fresh paint original color (Colonial white), new wide white wall tires, excellent interior, port hole hard top and tonneau cover.

Contact Ira Rosenblatt @ 847-226-1818

Minutes from October meeting 9:05

Meeting called to order by President Danny Kim with minutes from September meeting being approved as presented. No announcements.

Hospitality: Kathy Michele filling in for Yvonne Wagner introduced new members Bill and Robyn Dodds who proudly own a 1955 and 2002 Thunderbirds. Birthday and Anniversaries were celebrated.

Secretary: Jim Rodgers, no report

Treasurer: Lynn Silvernale reported on checking and savings accounts balances.

Member at Large: Bob Michele reported that the Christmas party would again be at Embassy Suites in Paradise Valley on Friday December 10th, 2021 and the November meeting would again be at the American Legion on Cave Creek.

Ex-Officio: Jeannie Wood reported that after the November meeting she would be housing her Birthday Party at the Wood residence in Peoria with more info to follow.

CTCI: Jim Rodgers announced that Chuck Thompson won the election for Director at Large and would be representing Arizona in that position as well. Also review the CTCI Test Drive where potential members can join CTCI for free to receive the "Bird Chatter" and hopefully join in 2022.

Public Relations: Don Henderson had no report

Membership: Jim Cook reported that ACTC had 94 households with 16 1955 Lil Birds, 21 1956's and 51 1957's.

Historian: Duane Foster absent

Newsletter: Mike Wood had paper newsletter to hand out to those that did not receive one and thanked everyone for contributing articles for upcoming newsletters.

Events: Carter Rodgers reminded all that the eastside Progressive Dinner was still on and watch their email for more information. The Dr George show in LaQuinta, California was still on but reception was less than enthusiastic with all the Covid restrictions in California.

Inspector General: Tom Harris reported one 1956 and seven 1957 Thunderbird with the award going to Gregg Thurston with his 1956.

Split the pot was won by Jim Cook and Danny Kim who will split \$48.00. New business, Bev Lynch thanked Mike Wood, Don Henderson and other fellow T-Birders that were helping her get the 57 Bird back on the road. Dave and Mo Mason will be in the play "War of the World" on October 29th to 31st.

Meeting ended at 10:17

Submitted by: Jim Rodgers

October Run to Payson

On Friday October 8th, a number of brave T-Birders took to the open road for a cruise to Payson for the 28th, Annual Beeline Cruise-In and Car Show held at beautiful Green Valley Park on the west side of town. As usual though, there was an accident on the Beeline Highway heading northbound, and it delayed a few of us from getting to the town in a timely fashion and causing us to miss the "burger burn" that we had already paid for. And there were a few others who developed car troubles and weren't able to make it at all, unfortunately. Duane and Myrna Foster had their fuel pump give out and waited until 8:30PM for the third tow truck driver to show up and get them home. Bob and Kathy Michele also had fuel pump problems but were able to get home and come back in their "classic" Nissan Rogue, and the Wagner's '56 Chevy couldn't take the really slow speed and had to pull over to wait for the traffic to clear out so they could keep up a good speed and keep their engine cool. Fortunately they had snacks and drinks (no booze) for the happy hour, so they set up the chairs beside the car and watched the massive line of traffic slowly creep ahead. Everyone else in our group managed the slow speed and worked ahead til the traffic broke past the wreck. Eventually those that were determined to make the show got to the hotel and made it to the happy hour. After a bit a few of us decided to walk down the road maybe half a mile to the Backwoods Bar and Grill for dinner, which was ok and reasonably priced.

Saturday it was show time, and the boys got on the road from the hotel down to the park and about 7:30AM. The ladies decided to go shopping (what a surprise) before coming to the show, and a few bargains were allegedly found. The weather was fine at the show, partly cloudy but no rain and cool enough not to bake.

Continued on page six

CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE

There were maybe 200 + cars in the show, including the host club's cars that were in a different category from the rest, they did Top 20 picks and low and behold our Jim Rodgers got one for his Mustang Station Wagon. He was the lone winner from our group.

After the awards we dispersed and got back to the hotel for another Happy Hour before following the Wizard (Ken Lane) down the yellow brick road to Fargo's Steak House next door. We were joined there by new members Jennifer Kiley and Bret Williams, who were also at the show and who picked up our packets early for our group. Dinner was great and we had a good time enjoying each other's company. Then it was back to the hotel where a few of us played a rousing couple of games of Left-Right-Center before heading to bed. Nothing eventful on the ride home, though we did pass another accident involving an Amazon truck, which gave Yvonne the shivers thinking her latest purchase might be in there.

All in all a good weekend for those that made the run. Good to see the club getting out and about with the cars.

SUBMITTED BY Tom Wagner & Jim Rodgers



Cars lining up for the show.



Tom's thinking are we going to get spot?



Payson show diners at Fargo's Restaurant. Payson Organized by a friend of the Club Dave Rink.



Good food and fun people



Won best gear shift knob?



The Just Cruis'n Car Club in Winslow held its 26th annual show the first weekend of October on the main street in Winslow, & portion of the original Route 66. Registration was limited to 250 cars although this year they were registering cars the morning of the show and did not reach the 250 limit. This is a fun Route 66 annual show which has 36 classes of vehicles with awards for 1st, 2nd and 3'd places. Activities begin on Friday with the show on Saturday from Sam to 3pm with awards given at 3pm.

The just Cruis'n club sets up speakers along the street and plays golden oldies all day, with various food and homemade ice cream sold at Standing On The Corner Park.

Gregg and Linda's 56 Thunderbird was awarded 1st place in the Thunderbird category as well as Club Choice Award by the Northern New Mexico Street Rodders Club in Farmington. Those folks looking for a fun weekend should keep this show in mind.

Both articles and photo's submitted by Gregg Thurston

Equipment not left in Afghanistan 1957 Ferret, one man armored vehicle



Grandson Timothy



Alan ready for road rage

One man tank



Continued from page eight

The 1957 MK2 FERRET

For those of you who are fans of 50's vehicle, here's one you might find interesting, A 1957 MK2 Ferret Scout car. Ferret weighs in at 8000 pounds of British armored fighting and reconnaissance four-wheel-drive vehicle. The Ferret was built by Daimler from 1952 through 1971, a total of 4,409 were built. MK2 Ferret is powered by a straight 6, overhead valve, Rolls Royce B60, 120 hp engine which used regular gas. Five speed transmission top speed 58 mph in forward or reverse using 4-9 mpg Vehicle is capable of driving in 30" deep water, with a still water speed of 2.4 mph, and a bilge pump of 45 gallons/per minute. Ferret could pull an load of 8000 pounds on a trailer.

This vehicle is operated by one driver and one gunner, and equipped from the factory with a rotating turret and Browning 30 cal, machine gun for protection. Don't want to get in a road rage battle!

Gregg and Linda's grandson, Timothy, calls this "Grandpa's tank" and their son, Alan, says he is ready to hit the streets.

To see one of these in action, go to "youtube Jay Leno Ferret" for an enjoyable video of Jay driving his 1959 Ferret, After all, the main reason why we fool around with these collector vehicles is to have fun in today's many times not fun world.

October 8, 2021

Celebration of Life

For Tom McKee

Tom loved wild Hawaiian shirts and Jacki requested guests wear one, and it was a colorful crowd. The service was wonderful, lots of singing, prayers and great stories about Tom and Jacki. Arrowhead Country Club did a nice job and served great food. We love you Tom, thanks for the Rainbow!



Continued from page two

From there, it was on to the Napa Valley and Sonoma wine country. We had a great time touring around to many of the wineries. Charles Schulz museum of all things Charlie Brown. If you are Peanuts fan, you must make it a destination.

Then it was back over to the coast to work our way up through northern California, Oregon, and Washington all the way to the Olympic Peninsula. Stops included Mendocino, Eureka, the Redwoods, Cannon Beach, Astoria, the Olympic National Park and Port Angeles, even taking the ferry over to Whidbey Island to visit friends. Again, Towanda turned a lot of heads and generated many thumbs-up, especially as we were twisting along the rocky coastline and climbing up to the high altitude of Hurricane Ridge in ONP. Towanda showed off one of the Baby Bird's key features as we were able to get our kayak and all its gear into the huge trunk!

From Seattle, we drove east over Steven's Pass in the upper Cascade Mountains to Leavenworth, a cute little Scandinavian themed town, and then on to Lake Chelan, a pretty lake near the Columbia River. Next, we spent some time in Coeur d' Alene, ID and then into Montana for a month to visit family and make our annual hiking trip to Glacier National Park. Towanda even got to visit Russ' home town to celebrate his 50th High School Class Reunion. Again, she seemed to be the center of attention wherever we went.

In early September, we began making our way back south, taking the scenic route through Bozeman, MT to visit our alma mater (Montana State) and Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks. Along the way, we made stops in Denver, Pueblo, Albuquerque and Holbrook, before heading back into Phoenix.

Although I'd love to say the trip went without mishap, you all probably know that's never the case with these classic old beauties. Along the way, we experienced a broken window, a lost hubcap (thanks Ken Falkenberry for quickly sending us a replacement to Montana), two tire failures, gas line issues and a few oil leaks. The leak in the differential got so bad, we finally decided to put Towanda on a trailer for the last few hundred miles. She is now getting some well-deserved rest and rehabilitation and looks forward to seeing everyone at the ACTC meetings.



~ WE ACTC ADVERTISERS ~



SEW by Design, LLC
Home-Dec Workroom
RITA HAVEL
"We'll exceed your expectations!"
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
480-287-6461
e mail: rita@sewbydesignaz.com
Web: www.sewbydesignaz.com



CRUISE HOLIDAYS OF ARROWHEAD
Cruise Specialists, Tour Experts
Let us turn your travel dreams into reality
Sandy Trasente, Owner
3515 West Union Hills #102, Glendale, AZ 85308
Phone (602) 896-4000 or (888) 896-1199
E-mail: KruiseAway@aol.com
Web: www.arrowhead.cruiseholidays.com



SHIELD

Fiduciaries
EST 2018
License Number 20899
6424 E. Greenway Pkwy, Ste. 550 Scottsdale, AZ 85254
602.606.7955
shieldfiduciary.com

- Trust Administration
- Estate Management
- Special Needs Trust Management
- Conservatorships
- Guardianships

Jorge Sommerer I-CAR & ASE
Trained & Certified
Arizona Collision Services
Light to heavy collision work welcome, insurance approved. Towing service available. We specialize in all types of Unibody, Frame and Color Matching. Lifetime Written Warranties.
3222 N. Grand Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017
azkstm17@yahoo.com Phone: 602-265-4311
Fax: 602 285-1654 Mobile: 623-330-3017



Arizona's No #1 T-Bird car/parts salesman
Call Ken Falkenberg @ 480-861-3742



J.R. ENTERPRISES
Landscape Maintenance
JIM RODGERS
3rd GENERATION OWNER
10538 N. 56th Dr.
Glendale, AZ.
85302
602 300 5792
iamjr1@cox.net



SENATELITE
by CarCapsule.com
"At F40 Motorsports, we exclusively trust ShowCase by CarCapsule to protect my vehicles. You Should Too!"
WAYNE CARINI
of F40 Motorsports & Classic Classic Cars
CARCAPSULE.COM
219-945-9493

President: Danny Kim 720-231-8425
 Vice President: Carter Rodgers.....602-501-3379
 Secretary: Jim Rodgers.....601-300-5792
 Treasure Lynne Silvernale602-510-5283
 Ways & Means: Ken Falkenberry480-861-3792
 Member-at-Large: Bob Michele602-768-5710
 Ex-Officio: Jeannie Wood602-722-8537
 Auditor: Jim Cook 615-495-6690
 CTCI: Jim Rodgers602-300-5792
 Web Master: Chuck Young602-330-9101
 Historian: Duane Foster480-675-0999
 Membership: Jim Cook615-495-6690
 Danny Kim720-231-8425
 Newsletter: Mike. Wood602-568-8140
 Nominating: Ken Falkenberry480-861-3742
 Inspector General: Tom Harris602-540-1120
 Phone committee: Kathy Michele 602-799-8518
 Public Relations: Don Henderson602-246-9910



Arizona Bird Chatter

Published by:
Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club
CTCI Chapter 35
 8355 W La Caille
 Peoria, AZ 85383



**Meetings are smoke and
 cell phone free!**

